

THANK YOU, CORINNE MARTIN

### HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 1995

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, we each have the good fortune to encounter many talented and devoted people during our lives. Occasionally we have the very rare treat of being associated with someone so special that we should constantly give thanks for our good luck.

I have had such a rare opportunity in my association with Corinne Martin, who had served as the executive assistant to the city manager of Bay City, MI, and in the city attorney's office, the city clerk's office, the planning office and the personnel office. Her efforts significantly contributed to the betterment of the lives of thousands of Bay City residents over her term of service.

Corinne Martin has earned the respect of her colleagues, Bay City officials, and Bay City residents for her sense of professionalism and for her exemplary integrity. Her demonstrated capability to draft public proclamation for important local events have significantly contributed to the sense of understanding of our community and the appreciation of its history.

Her absence from city hall has been noticed by those of us who appreciate and respect her years of service. I know that her retirement has been a happy one, and that she continues to find new ways to be of help to her community.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and all of our colleagues to wish Corinne Martin the very best after her many years of devoted, conscientious, and outstanding public service to the people of Bay City.

### TIME TO ENERGIZE AND RENEW THE WAR ON DRUGS

### HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

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Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the time has come to refocus our sites on the number one problem in this country, drugs. Today, I am submitting into the RECORD a recent statement by Bill Bennett and John Walters entitled "Renewing the War on Drugs".

Fortunately, the public has more sense than to believe the nonsense being sent out by the Cato Institute and other pro-legalization organizations. They would have us believe that since we have failed to make progress, as measured by them, it is time to give up the fight. For the sake of our children and our grandchildren we must never, never give up.

As the war on drugs goes on, it may be appropriate to remember the words of one of our greatest Presidents as he reassured the American people: " \* \* \* the crisis we are facing today \* \* \* requires our best effort and our willingness to believe in ourselves to believe in our capacity to perform great deeds, to believe that together with God's help we can and will resolve the problems which now confront us. After all, why shouldn't we believe that? We are Americans."—President Ronald Reagan.

As Americans we must win and we will win the war on drugs. As a Marine I can assure

you that you don't win a fight, battle or a war by giving up.

The most serious problem with legalization is that it will hurt those communities who can least afford a significant increase in the number of addicts, violence and crime. But do the libertarian elites at the Cato Institute or the wealthy Hollywood cocaine users in Hollywood really care about this community? Don't kid yourself, they couldn't care less about the damage legalization would do to the inner-city poor so long as it helps them justify their self-centered and self-indulgent lifestyles.

They know legalization would be lucky to get more than three votes in the House or even one in the other body. Legalization was jettisoned with Joyclyn and is not coming back. However, it is useful if your real purpose is to influence young people to try and use drugs.

The message the American voters sent Washington last November had nothing to do with surrendering the war against drugs. On the contrary, the public wants a Congress willing to stick with and win the war on drugs. This Congress should consider and enact the bold strategy for winning the war on drugs developed by past Drug Czar Bill Bennett:

First, empower and demand action from the largely irrelevant White House Drug Policy Office; second, place economic sanctions against drug exporting nations; third, transfer control of drug interdiction to the military; fourth, identify and dismantle drug trafficking organizations; fifth, block grant drug enforcement funding; sixth, demand some Presidential leadership in the War on Drugs; seventh, close open aid drug markets; and eighth, expand drug testing programs.

These are some of the legislative approaches we should move to enact when the Congress reconvenes. It is time to prove to the American people we are serious about winning the war on drugs and we now have the votes to make these accomplishments.

#### EXPAND DRUG TESTING IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR

I will soon be introducing legislation to make it easier to drug test in the private sector. I will also be offering amendments to the appropriations bills requiring drug testing of all applicants for employment with the Federal Government, including summer employment and random testing of all federal employees. These amendments were narrowly defeated in the last Congress. We now have the votes to enact these provisions.

#### DENY STUDENT ASSISTANCE AND SUMMER JOBS TO DRUGS USERS

I will also be offering an amendment to the Higher Education Reauthorization Act to deny loans or grants to anyone convicted of using drugs. This amendment was narrowly defeated in the last Congress. We have just begun to use the tools at our disposal to win the war on drugs. What we have run out of is tolerance for policies which have failed.

#### END TAX EXEMPT STATUS TO DRUG LEGALIZATION ORGANIZATIONS

Today I am introducing legislation to end the tax exempt status of organizations which promote or advocate the legalization of drugs. I would ask all of my colleagues to join in sponsoring this bill. I will offer this as an amendment to the first appropriate vehicle.

The American family, trying to raise their children in a drug free environment, is under attack by organizations, which actually promote the use of illegal drugs. To make matters worse, these organizations receive favorable

treatment under our laws. This is dead wrong and our tax code must be immediately corrected to end this travesty.

The pro-legalization message being sent out by these organizations is providing results. More kids are involved with drugs than anytime in the past 20 years. Consequently, the number of addicts on our streets will rise dramatically within a few more years. These organizations are not charitable organizations. Just the opposite. They are organizations which deliberately deceive the public and the media by using legitimate sounding names such as the Drug Policy Foundation, or the Organization for Responsible Drug Information. Yet, they are financed and run by people who advocate or condone the use of illegal drugs.

Mr. Speaker, I would also point out that these organizations have knowingly and willfully violated our laws by actively lobbying Congress. Officials from the so-called Organization for Responsible Drug Information has contacted my office to state their opposition to my drug prevention legislation and I received a flyer just today from the Cato Institute advocating drug legalization. Who is contributing to Cato? These organizations and the individuals involved with them are violating United States Tax Code. They need to be investigated and their contributors should be required to pay taxes on past contributions.

#### PLAYING ABC NEWS LIKE AN OLD FIDDLE

A pseudo new report airing tonight on ABC entitled "America's War on Drugs: Searching for Solutions" fails the most fundamental journalistic standards by portraying pro-legalization groupies as so-called "experts." The public relations efforts of these concerns come right out of a Dale Carnegie book and the news media is certainly giving them credibility. Whether duped or receptive the media in this country is influencing a generation to try drugs. Consequently, a higher percentage will try and never stop. Their lives and the lives of their families will be destroyed.

We have come to expect little more than violence, sex, and the glamorization of drugs from Hollywood but the news media should have a higher standard. I am submitting into the RECORD a statement by John Walters entitled "Tonight only; ABC Does Drugs". We would be doing the young people in this country a service a favor by requiring ABC news reporters and executives to take drugs—truth serums.

#### WORST OF THE WORST—DRUG POLICY FOUNDATION— DECEPTIVE, SINISTER AND SEEDY

The time has come to expose some of these more sinister organizations and the seedy individuals involved with them for what they really are \* \* \* organizations engaged in immoral and unethical activity operating in the gray area of the law. They are sending a damaging message to the young people in this country and our tax law needs to more accurately reflect American people's tolerance level for this type of activity. The IRS has already threatened to revoke NORML's tax-exempt status for illegal activity. This is a step in the right direction.

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT THE DRUG LEGALIZATION IN THE NETHERLANDS

What pro-legalization organizations refuse to disclose about the disastrous human consequences which have occurred in the country